

GIANTS AND ATHLETICS TO BEGIN STRUGGLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

HERE'S ALL THE DOPE ON THE PLAYERS; THEIR AVERAGES AND HOW THEY SHOULD PERFORM

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New York, Oct. 13.—The world's championship baseball series about to begin marks the climax of interest in the great American game of baseball. The championship contest comes every year, but is ever new in the intense excitement over the crucial series. Last year Philadelphia and Chicago were the centers of the championship storm, the Philadelphia Athletics of the American league winning the crown.

With the world's pennant still flying over their magnificent baseball home at Shibe Park at Philadelphia, and with another American league flag freshly won, Connie Mack and his Philadelphians now meet John J. McGraw and his Giants of the National league. It is the second time that these two generals have clashed over the same great issue. In the war of 1905 McGraw won four of the six battles, and therein brought to New York a world's pennant.

Seasoned by six years more experience in the generalship of their formidable baseball forces, these two baseball leaders now meet again for the championship struggle. Two more divergent types than McGraw and Mack cannot be pictured in the baseball world. The contest between the two chiefs may be summed up briefly as follows:

Mack vs. McGraw.**MACK.**

Aged forty-nine.
Born in New England.
Tall and lanky.
Calm and deliberative.
Leads from the bench.
Plays battle before game.
Never dons a uniform.
Known as a tactician.

McGRAW.

Aged thirty-eight.
Born in New York state.
Short and chunky.
Quicker and impulsive.
Always on catching lines.
Resorts to quick judgment.
Always in full gear.
Distinctly a strategist.

And so on with finer distinctions, the divergence might be traced and when the problem was finally worked out it would be found that about the only point of intersection in their methods is success.

Cornelius McIlhenny, so named at birth, but rechristened by the fans as "Connie Mack," has been called the "wizard of baseball" because of his skill in developing seemingly inferior talent into the superlative player. Since he organized the Philadelphia club eleven years ago he has turned out four champion teams in the American league and has bid his men close to the front ranks in the league every season but one. His career has been, perhaps, the most successful of any of the so-called bench managers. Sitting back away from the dust of battle, the cool and crafty chief with pencil and score book in hand plots out the progress of the engagement and only occasionally amends the orders he gave his men before he sent them into the field.

McGraw, known to famion as the Napoleon leader of the "giants," has won three league pennants for New York and one world series. Since 1905 his team has never finished below third place in the National league. As a big league player he is a famous product of the old Baltimore Orioles of the National league. When the club broke up after the season of 1892 he came to the metropolis as manager of the Giants. He is, and always has been, a typical player and leader of the old fighting school whose slogan is "Rush in and win."

Whether McGraw can bring his men back to the world-beating class or must let the Mackmen possess the big flag for a second successive season, depends in some part upon some of the veterans who won for him the war of 1905.

By the rules governing the world series each of the leaders is allowed to enlist 21 men eligible as participants in the struggle. The choice this year has fallen to the following men:

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AMES, p. Baker, Th.
Bender, utility. Barry, ss.
Crandall, p. Bender, p.
Davis, 2b. Collins, 2b.
Devore, lt. Coombs, p.
Devil, utility. Davis, utility.
Drucke, p. Danforth, p.
Fletcher, ss. Derrick, utility.
Hertz, 3b. Hertsel, utility.
Hartley, c. Krause, p.
Latham, utility. Lapp, c.
McGraw, Mgr. Livingston, c.
Meyers, c. Lord, lt.
Mathewson, p. Martin, utility.
Marquard, p. Morgan, p.
Murray, cf. McInnis, th.
Panlette, utility. Murphy, ct.
Snodgrass, cf. Plank, p.
White, p. Strunk, utility.
Wilson, c. Thomas, c.

eligible to play in the present series, it is probable that not more than a dozen from each list will be picked to figure in the crucial games. Of the "Giants" there are three who fought and won in the 1895 series with Philadelphia—Ames, Devlin and Christy Mathewson. Of this veteran trio the last named has been the "Giants'" pitching mainstay for many years. In three of the four games won by Philadelphia in 1895 he pitched a shutout and was acclaimed the hero of the series. In the past six years he has grown in the confidence of the New York fans, and while his most ardent admirers can hardly expect him to repeat so remarkable an achievement, he is expected to render an good account of himself.

Mathewson is a native Pennsylvanian and for one brief period was a member of the team he now opposes, but for the better part of ten years he has been with the "Giants." He first attracted attention at Bucknell university and his first professional team was on the Taunton nine of the New England league. Twice the big fellow has pitched no-hit games. In 1895 he was credited with 25 of the "Giants'" victories. He won more than two-thirds of the games he pitched last year. He is 21 years old.

Notwithstanding the confidence still placed in him it is likely that he will have less of a chance to figure as a hero in the present series as his big left-handed pitching mate, "Rube" Marquard, and Matty's junior by 8 years, has won championship distinction. The young "Southpaw" home services cost McGraw \$11,000, proved a good investment for it is mainly due to his phenomenal pitching that the "Giants" are in a position to face the "Athletics" for the title. He has won 24 and lost only 6 games this season.

Marquard's first professional play was with the Waterloo team of the Iowa State league. Later he was with the Canton club of the Central league and was drafted by the Detroit, who turned him over to Indianapolis. He proved the sensation of the American association and it took the big price named to bring him to New York in 1898. While he possessed all kinds of curves he was almost a complete failure in his first seasons, but McGraw stuck to him and has been well rewarded.

John Ames, who has been on the Giants' pitching staff ever since he jumped the New York State league in 1894, and George E. White, another former state leaguer, are the most likely candidates for relief work in the box. Old Crandall is the fifth member of the staff.

There are six of Connie Mack's men who were with him when he bought in vain for the 1895 flag. They are Bender, Plank, Lord, Hartsel, Murphy

and Harry Davis. Head and shoulders above them all stands "Chief" Bender, a redskin of the Chippewa tribe, who was sent to the Carlisle school for his education and probably evinced his fondness for the great white man's game. After leaving college he joined the Harrisburg, Pa., team, and in 1902 was brought into the big league. He became one of a famous quintette of twirlers which brought Philadelphia into its second league championship in 1905. In the world series he was the pitching hero of the only game which the Athletics took from the Giants that year. On the other hand, to him is charged the only defeat suffered by the Athletics in the series with Chicago last year, though this came after he had allowed but one hit for eight innings.

With the Indian in the box is, as was the case last year, Jack Coombs, the real hero of the last series. Coombs, known as Mack's "man of iron," won three straight games in the 1910 series, a fact which the Giant Mathewson equaled in 1905.

Coombs is 27 years old. He played at Colby college in Maine, and graduated at once into big league company with the Athletics in 1906. He is exactly the same height as his pitching mate, Chief Bender, 6 feet 1 inch. He is a holder of records, one of them being the famous 24-inning victory over Boston in 1907. During the 1910 season he went 53 innings at one stretch without letting an opposing club score on him.

Bender and Coombs will be called "Babe" and "Coon" respectively from any angle seen—saw from the Giants in the Athletics and back again, leaving both forces quite evenly balanced. If the weight of any one player can tip the scale it will be, experts agree, one of the pitching stars.

In at least one respect the series will mark a record in baseball history, if it is estimated that more than twice as many enthusiasts will seek admission to the Polo grounds daily as can be accommodated, and the accommodation will be greater than ever before provided in a baseball park in this country.

John T. Brush, owner of the New York club, has replaced the old wooden amphitheater at the Polo grounds which burned early this season with a mammoth steel and concrete structure, which, when wholly finished, is expected to be the best of the several magnificent baseball parks in the country and by the extension of outfield bleachers he has provided room, it is estimated, for nearly 50,000 spectators tomorrow.

The number is nearly a third greater than ever witnessed a ball game. Attendance records at the world series and receipts for the past six years compare as follows:

New York Giants.

Marquard	.43	24	6	227	169	218	800
Crandall	.42	14	5	94	53	132	137
Mathewson	.46	25	13	144	41	309	628
White	.24	14	10	89	37	162	581
Ames	.25	10	9	111	52	163	521

Totals 185 87 42 665 292 984 469

Philadelphia Athletics.

Bender	.31	18	5	113	59	198	782
Coombs	.45	29	11	182	126	356	725
Plank	.42	21	9	148	81	235	709
Morgan	.38	16	7	133	112	212	695
Krause	.27	10	7	79	45	145	387

Totals 185 94 39 655 423 1146 796

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RECORDS OF GIANTS AND ATHLETICS FOR SEASON.

	Games	At bat	Runs	Base hits	Two-base hits	Three-base hits	Home runs	Sacrifice hits	Stolen bases	Putouts	Assists	Errors	Batting average	Fielding average
New York Giants.														
McKee, Th.	147	536	80	147	24	10	12	46	1238	95	21	274	.384	
Doyle, 2d.	141	524	201	161	27	21	13	49	263	323	34	367	.395	
Fletcher, ss.	108	314	63	94	16	4	1	8	21	150	276	21	.299	.932
Herzog, 3b.	145	531	89	151	31	16	6	27	48	240	292	59	.384	.931
Devore, lt.	147	560	96	156	21	11	3	9	63	248	26	14	.278	.951
Bender, cf.	147	525	83	145	25	9	3	47	25	295	32	14	.276	.958
Murray, cf.	137	480	76	134	27	14	5	10	49	185	16	10	.279	.958
Meyers, c.	134	395	47	127	21	9	1	8	598	102	18	321	.371	
Wilson, c.	63	196	18	52	9	0	1	44	187	31	7	.391	.968	
Marquard, p.	43	109	10	17	1	1	1	1	7	44	1	170	.399	
Mathewson, p.	46	116	12	22	3	0	0	3	42	28	109	3	.388	.940
Crandall, p.	70	107	11	26	1	5	1	1	14	72	8	242	.914	
White, p.	29	65	4	9	0	0	0	3	0	8	43	1	.348	.942
Ames, p.	25	53	4	6	0	1	0	3	0	6	70	3	.315	.938
Philadelphia Athletics.														
Substitutes.														
McInnis, Th.	126	468	79	150	22	10	3	18	940	163	38	321	.369	
Collins, 2d.	152	494	93	178	24	12	3	19	344	139	21	360	.352	
Barry, ss.	127	436	74	147	17	6	1	36	233	267	49	368	.318	
Baker, 3b.	149	595	94	196	38	13	11	25	205	275	25	328	.302	
Lord, lf.	134	575	94	176	36	11	3	16	12	271	15	21	.365	.367
Oldring, cf.	119	487	84	145	14	14	3	25	9	231	15	7	.294	.389
Murphy, cf.	142	513	162	171	28	10	6	23	160	34	7	333	.265	
Thomas, c.	102	303	53	81	14	3	0	10	3	507	136	16	.268	.976
Lapp, c.	68													